

**This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. *(Currently Amended)* A method for placing at least one image on ~~imaging~~ a device and associating one or more additional images to the image based on preselected criteria, the method comprising the steps of:

creating an imaging server policy, wherein the imaging server policy comprises at least one rule that is applied to the device ~~that receives or provides at least one image~~;

creating the at least one image of the device, wherein the at least one image comprises at least one of an operating system and an application;

placing a representation of the at least one image of the device into a directory;

associating the one or more additional images to the at least one image;

customizing the at least one image to form at least one customized image, wherein the at least one customized image comprises the at least one image of the device and the one or more additional images; and

placing the at least one customized image on the device.

2. *(Previously Presented)* The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of creating a device object to represent the device in the directory.

3. *(Original)* The method of claim 2 wherein at least one policy is associated with the device object.

4. *(Previously Presented)* The method of claim 2, wherein the at least one image is associated with the device object.

5. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of creating at least one object in the directory and associating the at least one image of the device with the at least one object ~~in the directory~~.

6. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
creating a base image of the device that does not comprise the operating system and the  
application;  
associating the at least one image of the device and the one or more additional images to  
the base image; and wherein the step of  
updating the customizing the at least one customized image comprises storing a to  
comprise the base image of the device, the at least one image of the device, and the one or more  
additional images in the directory, wherein at least one additional image is associated with the  
base image.

7. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of customizing the at least one image further comprises defining one or more file sets, wherein the file sets are inserted into a corresponding one of the at least one image.

8. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
creating one or more application images;  
defining one or more user characteristics;  
associating the one or more application images to the one or more user characteristics;  
and  
wherein the step of customizing the at least one image comprises inserting the one or  
more application images associated with one or more user characteristics into a corresponding  
one of the at least one image.

9. (*Original*) The method of claim 1 wherein the device comprises a workstation.

10. (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of associating the at least one image of the device with at least one object in the directory comprises establishing at least one relationship with at least one policy in the directory.

11. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim ~~1~~2 further comprising creating an image object and the step of directly associating ~~an~~the image object with ~~thea~~the device object, wherein at least one specified image is applied to the device regardless of the at least one rule ~~rules~~ specified in ~~at least one~~the imaging server policy.

12. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one rule is based on hardware characteristics of the device ~~and wherein the at least one image associated with a matching rule is applied to the device.~~

13. (*Currently Amended*) A system for placing at least one image on ~~imaging~~ a device and associating one or more additional images to the image based on a preselected criteria, the system comprising:

an imaging server policy wherein the imaging server policy comprises at least one rule that is applied to the device ~~that receives or provides at least one image~~;

creating means for creating the at least one image of the device, wherein the at least one image comprises at least one of an operating system and an application;

placement means for placing a representation of the at least one image of the device into a directory;

associating means for associating the one or more additional images to the at least one image;

customization means for customizing the at least one image to form at least one customized image, wherein the at least one customized image comprises the at least one image of the device and the one or more additional images; and

device placement means for placing the at least one customized image on the device.

14. (*Previously Presented*) The system of claim 13, further comprising a device object that represents the device in the directory.

15. (*Original*) The system of claim 14 wherein at least one policy is associated with the device object.

16. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 14 wherein the at least one image is associated with the device object.

17. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13 further comprising object creating means for creating at least one object in the directory and association means for associating the at least one image of the device with the at least one object in the directory.

18. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13, further comprising:  
base image creating means for creating a based image of the device that does not  
comprise the operating system and the application;  
base image associating means for associating the at least one image of the device and the  
one or more additional images to the base image; and  
updating means for updating the at least one customized image to comprise the base  
image of the device, the at least one image of the device, and the one or more additional  
images~~wherein the customization means comprises storing means for storing a base image of the~~  
~~device in the directory and wherein at least one additional image is associated with the base~~  
~~image.~~

19. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13, wherein the customization means further comprises definition means for defining one or more file sets and wherein the one or more file sets are inserted into a corresponding one of the at least one image.

20. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13, further comprising:  
application image creating means for creating one or more application images;  
user characteristic defining means for defining one or more user characteristics;

user characteristic associating means for associating the one or more application images to the one or more user characteristics; and

inserting ~~wherein the customization means comprises insertion means for inserting the~~  
one or more application images ~~associated with one or more user characteristics into a~~  
corresponding ~~one~~ ones of the at least one image.

21. (*Original*) The system of claim 13 wherein the device comprises a workstation.

22. (*Original*) The system of claim 17 wherein the association means comprises  
establishing means for establishing at least one relationship with at least one policy in the  
directory.

23. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim ~~13~~ 14 further comprising image object  
creating means for creating an image object and direct association means for directly associating  
~~an~~ the image object with ~~a~~ the device object, wherein at least one specified image is applied to  
the device regardless of ~~rules~~ the at least one rule specified in ~~at least one~~ the image server policy.

24. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one rule is based  
on hardware characteristics of the device ~~and wherein at least one image associated with a~~  
~~matching rule is applied to the device.~~

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized image is placed on the device  
during a boot process.

26. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the device placement means places the  
customized image on the device during a boot process.